

FAQ: Frequently Asked Questions Comprehensive Disposal Site Diversion Program AB 939 Fee

What are the new fees?

The fee, called the “AB 939 Fee”, is \$10 per ton and \$2 for a minimum load.

Who will be subject to the new fee?

All residential and commercial customers (except Land Use Fee/Disposal Use Permit customers).

Why am I being charged extra?

The additional cost goes to run an onsite recycling program which will help communities reach state mandated waste reduction goals. The State requires all communities reduce the amount of material landfilled by at least 50% or risk fines and other penalties.

What does this pay for?

Select loads will be sorted and material, such as concrete, metal, wood/green waste, that can be reused or recycled will be pulled out for further processing.

How does the program work?

Before going to the dumping area, loads will be reviewed for possible recycling or reuse. Loads selected for additional processing will be directed to the drop off area. Going to the drop off area takes less time than going to the dumping area. Also, loads in the dumping area may also be directed to the drop off area.

When does it start?

June 1st at Landers Landfill, Big Bear and 29 Palms Transfer Stations, all sites by the end of the year. The program started May 1st at Victorville Landfill and Phelan Transfer Station. Tentatively starts September 1 at Barstow Landfill and October 1 at San Timoteo Landfill. And tentatively by year's end at Mid-Valley Landfill and Heaps Peak Transfer Station.

How can I reduce my disposal costs?

Make less waste. Your local community recycling coordinator or trash hauler can help you or your business reduce what gets thrown away. Consult the *Reuse & Recycling Guide* in the “Recycled” section of your local telephone directory yellow pages for waste reduction help or go to www.zerowastecommunities.org or www.sbcounty.gov/wsd

Can I save money if I presort my load?

Not at this time. BUT, you can save money by taking only material you can't otherwise get recycled or reused elsewhere such as a recycling center. For a list of locations that can take items for recycling/reuse, see the *Reuse & Recycling Guide* in the yellow pages under “Recycled” in your telephone book or go to www.zerowastecommunities.org on line.

Webinfo 50102007 BigBear/Landers/29Palms